

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Office Action of December 28, 2007. This Request for Reconsideration is in full response thereto.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter for claims 19-26 and 29-35.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

Claims 18, 27, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as anticipated by Cloarec (US 6,167,708). Applicants respectfully traverse because Cloarec fails to disclose, teach or suggest a heated temperature probe. As such, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below. It is believed that no fee is due at this time. If that belief is incorrect, please debit deposit account number 01-1375. Also, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment to deposit account number 01-1375.

Respectfully submitted,

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